

E-mail Announcements for October 28, 2009

*****Etiquette Training and Halloween Party*****

Join us on Thursday, October 29th, for a Life Skill Training on etiquette at the 4-H office from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This will also be a Halloween costume party, so make sure to dress up for the occasion! Dinner will be provided. You MUST RSVP to Rachel at 586.783.8163 by Wednesday, October 28th to attend.

*****4-H Fair Theme*****

We are asking youth to submit ideas for the 2010 4-H Fair Theme. The theme chosen will be used in decorating Club Displays in the various barns. We will accept ideas till next week, Wednesday, November 4. Please submit your theme ideas in writing to veronica.hart@macombcountymi.gov. Shortly after, an Armada Fair survey will be sent out for everyone to provide input on the fair and vote on the 4-H Fair Themes submitted.

*****Club Enrollment Deadline fast approaching*****

Existing 4-H members who are interested in showing their projects at the 2010 Armada Fair must be registered by the first Monday in November (November 2). Club leaders make sure you sign up to register your club. Registrations are available by appointment by calling 586.469.6431.

*****People, Pets, And Vets*****

This is a Free hands-on interactive educational program designed for children of all ages to learn about animals and proper animal care. At this unique program, children can see and touch a variety of different animals and talk to veterinarians, vet techs and other animal care providers. This event will be at Macomb Community College, Building E, 44575 Garfield Road in Clinton Township on November 7th from 11am-3 pm. Several 4-H Clubs will be participating.

*****Bill Collins and Jane Sylvester Awards*****

Nominations for Bill Collins Outstanding Horsemanship and Jane Sylvester Sportsmanship awards must be turned in to 4-H office by 5pm the 1st Monday in November (Monday, November 2) in order to be eligible for the award. Forms are available on the Macomb County website on the Horse page.

*****4-H Horse Banquet*****

The annual Horse Banquet will be held at Zuccaro's on Sunday November 15th. Doors open at 1 pm. The Banquet will begin at 1:30. Reservations must be made with Faye Cerku 586.731.6487 by November 5th. Checks should be made out to Macomb County Horse Program Committee. Participants should bring a non-perishable food or hygiene item for donation to a local shelter.

*****Club Officer Training *****

Club Officer Training will take place on Tuesday, December 1st, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Dinner will be provided. The following breakout sessions will follow a short general session: (1) Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Sgts.-at-Arms; (2) Secretaries/Clerks; (3) Treasurers and their adult helpers; (4) Historians and Reporters

*****Apply for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award**

The search is on to find our top youth volunteer. If you are selected, you could receive \$1000, a silver medallion and a trip to Washington, D.C., next May. If you feel you've made a positive difference through a volunteer activity during the past year, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com>, click on the "How to Apply" link, and follow the onscreen instructions. When asked for the access key, type the word **spirit**. Print out of the completed applications need to be turned into our 4-H office no later than November 2, 2009. Any further questions, please contact Karen Hakim at (586) 469-6431.

***** 4-H Scholarship Information Now Available Online*****

4-H scholarships are provided to recognize meritorious 4-H work and to encourage 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school. Present and former 4-H members are eligible to apply. All applications are reviewed on a competitive basis. Deadlines to apply for some scholarships are November 1st. Application forms and more information can be found at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/scholar.html>

*****2009 County Awards Information*****

The 2009 Award forms are available on line at <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4hforms.htm> Applications are due in the 4-H office on Monday, November 16, 2009. The judging will take place on November 19, 2009. The County Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Macomb Intermediate School District, located on Garfield Road in Clinton Township.

This is a great opportunity to recognize members and volunteers for their outstanding efforts, and all General Leaders are asked to encourage their members to participate. It also gives members experience in filling out forms and gathering information that would be helpful in applying for State Awards. (Please note: youth do not have to win at the County level to participate in State Awards Program.)

A workshop has not been scheduled due to lack of demand over the last couple of years. I would be happy to provide individual or small group help for anyone needing help.

If you would like to be part of the judging team or if you have any questions concerning the County Awards process, please contact Karen Hakim at (586) 469-6431

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan on joining us at the Awards Banquet for an enjoyable evening.

******4-H Children's Art Exchange and Teaching Kits******

Every year, through the Michigan 4-H Children's Art Exchange, kindergarten through sixth grade students are invited to send "visual letters" to children their own ages in China. Free teaching kits are available to facilitate teaching about China and creating art work. A selection of Michigan artwork is then sent to China as a gift to the children of China. The Kit is available in Macomb County in January, February and March of 2010. If you would like to reserve the Chinese Art Kit to use with your club or for more information contact Karen Hakim at the MSU Extension 4-H office (586)469-6431.

*****Lost Sewing Machine Found *****

The Extension office held a major cleaning day which turned up a portable sewing machine in a grey case. If you brought a machine to a 4-H function and left it, please call the office—and bring a key to open the case.

******Volunteers needed to sell Popcorn at JCPenney ******

Do you want to have fun selling popcorn while earning dollars to help your club? If so, we need you!

Where? JCPenney, 31510 Gratiot Avenue in Roseville, Mi

When? Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

We are looking for at least 4-6 people to work 3 or 4 hour shifts. Please contact Jan Gwozdz @ 586-469-7619 or jan.gwozdz@macombcountymi.gov if you can help and want to raise money for your club. Thanks!



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